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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2306**
Hiroyuki NAGANO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1209A
Serial No. 10/647,474 : Group Art Unit 1762
Filed August 26, 2003 : Examiner Elena Tsoy
WATER-BASED METALLIC PAINT : **Mail Stop Amendment**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of June 19, 2006, constituting a requirement for restriction among (I) claims 1-7, (II) claims 8-10, and (III) claim 11, Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, i.e. claims 1-7. This election is made while reserving Applicants' rights under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file a divisional application for the non-elected subject matter of claims 8-11.

Furthermore, upon allowance of the elected claims, Applicants request the opportunity to rejoin the non-elected claims.

Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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